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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, MARR, LE, SY, PLO

SUBJECT: NO DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SHTAURA AGREEMENT IN  
SOUTH

REF: (A) IR 6 857 0078 77, (B) BEIRUT 3997

1. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON AUGUST 16 AFTER MEETING WITH  
NLP LEADER CAMILLE CHAMOUN, FOREIGN MINISTER FOUAD BOUTROS  
SAID THAT DESPITE PRESS SPECULATION "NO DATE HAS YET BEEN  
FIXED" FOR BEGINNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THIRD PHASE OF  
SHTAURA AGREEMENT (THIRD PHASE APPLIES TO SOUTH LEBANON).  
BOUTROS EXPLAINED THAT "IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORD IN  
SOUTH IMPLIES CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS WELL AS PLAN AND PRE-  
PARATIONS WHICH ARE IN PROGRESS."

2. IN THIS REGARD, ARMY CHIEF VICTOR KHOURY HAS TOLD DATT  
PRIVATELY THAT GOL SHOULD NOT SEND LEBANESE ARMY TO SOUTH  
BEFORE COMPLIANCE WITH CEASE-FIRE AND PALESTINIAN  
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WITHDRAWAL. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD DEPLOY  
FORCES FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER ORDERS TO EXECUTE WERE RECEIVED,  
IF ALL PARTIES COOPERATED.

3. CHAMOUN FOR HIS PART WARNED THAT "NEITHER DIALOGUE  
NOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" WERE POSSIBLE BEFORE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF "ACCORDS ALREADY CONCLUDED," WHICH HE

SAID ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: FIRST, "RETURN OF PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS (IN SOUTH) TO POSITIONS THEY OCCUPIED BEFORE APRIL 13, 1975;" NEXT, COLLECTION OF HEAVY WEAPONS; FINALLY, "INITIATION OF TALKS ON LEBANESE RECONCILIATION."

4. CHAMOUN ALSO REACTED SHARPLY TO REPORTERS'S QUESTIONS ABOUT TEL AVIV'S CLAIM THAT ISRAELIS WERE TRYING TO PROTECT CHRISTIANS IN SOUTH. CHAMOUN SAID THAT "LEBANON'S BORDER VILLAGES HAVE NEVER ASKED ANYONE TO PROTECT THEM", AND THAT ISRAELI ASSERTIONS "WERE NOTHING MORE THAN PROPAGANDA".

5. PHALANGE LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL AGAIN EXPRESSED SCEPTICISM ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SHTAURA AGREEMENT IN SOUTH. AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, HE TOLD L'ORIENT LE JOUR: "EVERYONE KNOWS FATE OF PAST AGREEMENTS. THERE WERE 60 CEASE FIRES WHICH BECAME DEAD LETTERS. . . IMPLEMENTATION OF SHTAURA AGREEMENT HAS BEGUN, BUT WHO SAYS IT WILL BE PERMANENT?"  
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